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Area Students to Help MassWildlife Stock Fish in Lake Massapoag

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Secretary, Stephen R. Pritchard, Department of Fish and Game Commissioner, David Peters, MassWildlife Biologist Ken Simmons, Senator James Timilty and Sharon Municipal Official along with local students from Cottage Street School, Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School today helped stock fish in Lake Massapoag in Sharon.

MassWildlife is stocking approximately 636,000 Trout and approximately 500 Salmon in over 500 lakes, ponds and rivers this spring for the benefit of sport anglers in Massachusetts. MassWildlife will be stocking Lake Massapoag with 300 Trout.

“This is great way for students to be outside helping to sustain our lakes, ponds and rivers while also learn more about aquatic life” said Secretary Pritchard. “MassWildlife has created an excellent program of restocking which incorporates municipalities and most importantly students.”

Lake Massapoag is a large lake over 400 acres in size. The lake has both environmental significance and historical significance. At one time miners including Paul Revere drained part of the lake to mine for Iron which was used in some of the first iron balls and shots in the American Revolution. As a recreation site Massapoag offers swimming and fishing, concerts and fireworks.

Senator James E. Timilty praised the MassWildlife for the program, “They are doing a great job, and I am glad that the students are here to participate and gain a better understanding of the state's resource management programs.”

For more information about MassWildlife and fish stocking please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfwtrout.htm>.